

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES

May 13, 2008

10:00 a.m. (14 minutes, 42 seconds and 1 minute, 19 seconds)

Attending: Commissioners: Alan Dayton, Chairman, and Ty McCartney, Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests: Rebecca Waldron (AG's office), Alfred Quinn.

Per diem sheet signed.

License hearing completed.

Mixed Martial Arts Television Show

Bill reported that he received a request from Mark Burnett Productions. They have done a number of reality shows such as "Survivor", "The Contender" and other reality shows. They are very interested in filming a MMA-centered reality show. They bring contestants in from out of state to compete in an exhibition type event, on film, and probably only one round. The discussions thus far have indicated they would need to comply with all the commission rules. Alan questioned why they were interested in Utah. Bill replied that it is less expensive to film in Utah. Alan thinks it is a good opportunity for Utah and we should do everything we can to facilitate their interests in filming here as long as the rules are followed. Bill said they would like to start filming in May. It is not a sanctioned public event - but it is an unarmed combat contest, Bill just needs to make sure the contestants are licensed. He thinks a lot of it will be highlighting the backgrounds and life of contestants. Rich has had more extensive conversations with the film company. Bill contacted a film commission so they were aware of the proposed filming.

Request by Fight Night for a Knee Down or Standing and Striking Exemption

The request is for the commission to waive the Utah modified rules. The commission granted this exemption last event except for one fight. *Ty made the motion to accept the request for the exemption of the Utah modified rules. Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Discussion

Ty commented on a fighter who, last Saturday night, had his lip split that required stitching according to the doctor. The cost to the fighter would be \$75. The fighter did not have insurance and did not want to pay the \$75. The promoter allegedly told the fighter he could use his income from the purse to pay for the surgery. The doctor told the contestant he would be suspended for refusing medical treatment. He received medical treatment and was told he could pay for it at a later date. Another fighter was reported to have his nose broken at the same event. Ty wants to expedite the rule making process of health insurance issues.

Bill reported on the Moab event. The event on a whole was a great start for the promoter. They would like to do regular shows three or four times a year. There was a crowd of about 300.

Ty also mentioned his understanding is that an inspector may be involved in an upcoming show on May 31 and doing a promotion and receiving money. Ty feels it is a conflict for an inspector to profit from a promoter. Bill indicated the commission may have to go into a closed session.

Alfred Quinn announced a MMA website (www.thecagenews.com) will be launched this week in Salt Lake City. It will be a fully functional news site just like the Salt Lake Tribune. Tapout will be on the radio show for the first hour and be at the fight on Saturday. They want that national TV exposure. Their logo will be on the middle of the mat. They are going to try to educate fighters about the drug issue, make them more responsible, increase their awareness, etc. and are open to suggestions and referrals. There will also be a one page slot for the commission on the website.

Ty made the motion to go into a closed session. Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ty made the motion to go back into open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Ty made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.